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In the Application of:

JONATHAN EDWARD LIGHTNER ET AL.

CASE NO.: BB1043 US DIV

APPLICATION NO.: 09/697,379

GROUP ART UNIT: 1638

FILED: OCTOBER 26, 2000

EXAMINER: E. MCELWAIN

FOR: GENES FOR MICROSOMAL DELTA-12
FATTY ACID DESATURASES AND
RELATED ENZYMES FROM PLANTS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This is in response to the restriction requirement dated January 30, 2002 regarding the above-identified application.

Remarks

Applicants hereby provisionally elect the subject matter of Group I (claims 1 and 33-44), without traverse, for further prosecution in this case subject to Applicants' right to pursue the non-elected subject matter in divisional or divisional cases pursuant to 35 USC §121.

It is noted that claim 34 is listed as being a part of Group I and Group III. Given the nature of the restrictions, it appears that claim 34 belongs to Group I and not Group III. Clarification is respectfully requested.

This case is a divisional application of Application No. 09/133,962. Inventorship of 09/133,962 had been corrected to add William Dean Hitz, Anthony John Kinney, Narendra Yadav and Luis Perez-Grau in addition to Jonathon Edward Lightner and John Joseph Okuley. A copy of the petition granting this request and a copy of the correct filing receipt are enclosed herewith. It is respectfully requested that be added as co-inventors of this divisional application since the subject matter to which they made an inventive contribution is being claimed in the instant application.

Please charge any fees that may be associated with the filing of this response and correction of inventorship to Deposit Account No. 04-1928.

Respectfully submitted,

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In re Application of
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Application No. 09/133,962
Filed: August 14, 1998 (CPA 2/14/01)
Attorney Docket No. BB-1043-d

This is a decision on the renewed petitions filed April 3, 2001, (1) under 37 CFR 1.183, requesting waiver of the rules (37 CFR 1.67) as a previously signing inventor refuses to execute a supplemental declaration, and (2) under 37 CFR 1.48, amending the inventive entity to include Yadav, Hitz, Kinney, and Perez-Grau.

The petitions are granted.

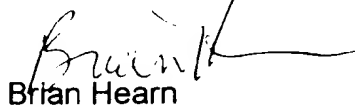
As a result of papers filed April 3, and August 2, 2001, it has been found that this nonprovisional application, as filed, through error and without deceptive intent, improperly set forth the inventorship, and, accordingly, this application has been corrected in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(a). The inventorship has been changed by the addition of William Hintz, Wilmington Delaware; Anthony Kinney, Wilmington Delaware; Narendra Yadav, Chadds Ford, Pennsylvania; and Luis Perez-Grau, Davis California.

A corrected filing receipt is enclosed with this decision.

As previously indicated the fee for a submission under 27 CFR 1.129(a) was paid in error as this application does not qualify for the interim procedure and as such, the \$710 fee has been credited to deposit account No. 04-1928.

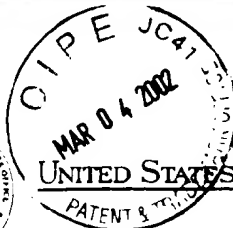
This application is being returned to Technology Center AU 1638, where the examiner is authorized to consider the amendment under 37 CFR 1.312 currently indicated to have been filed April 3, 2001

Telephone inquiries relevant to this decision may be addressed to the undersigned at
(703) 305-1820.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Brian Hearn", written in dark ink.

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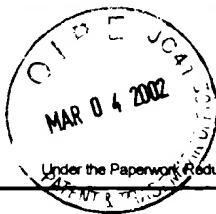
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